

FARM FACTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States July, 2009 1/

COMMERCIAL RESIDENT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States July, 2009 1/					
Selected States	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 2009 as % of 2/	
				July 2008	June 2009
	-----	Million Pounds	-----	-----	Percent -----
Florida	9.7	8.3	9.1	94	109
Georgia	13.4	12.0	11.2	83	93
Kansas	474.6	480.2	476.2	100	99
Nebraska	650.4	612.3	624.9	96	102
North Carolina	195.7	201.8	202.5	104	100
SOUTH CAROLINA	20.1	18.9	18.8	93	99
Texas	474.9	463.0	442.2	93	96
UNITED STATES	4,250.1	4,161.5	4,123.6	97	99

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July, 2009 1/

Class	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 2009 % of	
				July 2008	June 2009
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Beef	2,371.6	2,288.7	2,270.5	96	99
Veal	12.3	11.5	10.8	88	94
Pork	1,852.5	1,847.5	1,828.3	99	99
Lamb and Mutton	13.7	13.9	13.9	102	101
Total Red Meat 2/	4,250.1	4,161.5	4,123.6	97	99

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2009 was 4.83 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 5.13 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.13 billion pounds, down 5 percent from July 2008.

Mature chickens, at 75.3 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2009 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, unchanged from July 2008.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July, 2009

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Percent	
Alabama	94,219	514,764	5.46	385,165	2,684	0.69
Georgia	105,292	549,611	5.22	412,834	2,578	0.62
North Carolina	62,575	436,859	6.98	337,048	3,738	1.10
South Carolina	25,637	159,916	6.24	120,312	883	0.73
United States	746,099	4,134,550	5.54	3,089,874	26,008	0.83

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

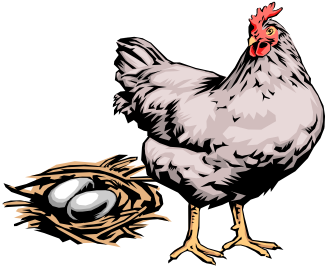
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during July, down 6 percent from last year. Production totaled 70 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,333,000 birds, down less than 1 percent from 4,338,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,146 eggs, compared with 2,282 in 2008.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.59 billion during July 2009. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2009 averaged 333 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,281 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2008.

**Average Layers and Egg Production
Selected States and United States**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,958	174	1,942
Florida	9,711	219	2,255
Georgia	17,288	368	2,129
North Carolina	12,516	265	2,117
South Carolina	4,333	93	2,146
United States	332,602	7,586	2,281



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, up 1 percent from last year's 19.5 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2009 totaled 781 million, down 3 percent from July 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on August 1, 2009, down 3 percent from a year earlier.

**CHICKS HATCHED by Type
South Carolina and U.S., June 2009**

Flock Type and Area	July 2009	January - July
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,743	138,525
United States	781,215	5,357,180
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,282	273,211



MUSHROOMS

Sales of the 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop are 817 million pounds, up 1 percent from the 2007-08 season. Value of sales for the 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop is \$957 million, down 1 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 285, is up 6 from last season. The average price is \$1.17 per pound, down 1 cents from 2007-08.

Sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 679 million pounds, unchanged from a year ago. Volume of sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing is 123 million pounds, up 4 percent from the last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$909 million, down 1 percent from the previous year and the 2006-07 season.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2008-09 is \$48 million, up 6 percent from the 2007-08 season. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.10, is up 14 cents from the previous season.

**Agarius and Specialty Mushrooms:
Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of
Sales, July, 2007- July 30, 2009**

Year	Growers 1/ Number	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound 2/ Dollars	Value of Sales
		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Dollars
2007-08	279	812,604	1.180	962,756
2008-09	285	816,974	1.170	957,028

COTTON GINNINGS

**GINNINGS: As of August 1, Crop Years 2007-2009
By Crop, State and United States**

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2007 1/	2008	2009
All Cotton			
Texas		13,050	5,150
United States		13,050	5,150

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

CROP PRODUCTION

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and UNITED STATES, as of September, 2009

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Corn for GrainBu.	355	350	315	320	65.0	107.0	20,475	34,240
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	135.0	115.0	134.0	110.0	881	720	246	165.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	330	360	1.90	--	627	--
OatsBu.	33	35	19	20	64.0	--	1,216	--
Peanuts for NutsLb.	71.0	49.0	68.0	47.0	3,900	3,300	265,200	155,100
Sorghum for GrainBu.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	540	610	530	590	32.0	27.0	16,960	15,930
SweetpotatoesCwt.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	19.0	18.5	2,100	2,050	39,900	37,925
Wheat, Winter Bu.	220	175	205	165	54.0	51.0	11,070	8,415
UNITED STATES								
Corn for GrainBu.	85,982	87,035	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	12,101,238	12,954,500
Cotton, Upland Lb. & Bales	9,297.0	8,989.0	7,400.0	7,582.0	803	827	12,384.5	13,071.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	60,062	60,177	2.43	--	145,672	--
Oats Bu.	3,217	3,158	1,395	1,426	63.5	64.5	88,635	91,960
Peanuts for NutsLb.	1,534.0	1,109.0	1,507.0	1,082.0	3,416	3,397	5,147,900	3,675,500
Sorghum for GrainBu.	8,284.0	6,960.0	7,271	5,948	65.0	65.5	472,342	389,589
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	75,718	77,723	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	2,959,174	3,245,292
SweetpotatoesCwt.	103.2	106.7	97.3	103.3	190	--	18,443	--
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	223.0	219.5	2,239	2,305	499,220	506,025
Tobacco, AllLb.	--	--	354.5	347.2	2,258	2,319	800,504	804,988
Wheat, WinterBu.	46,281	43,448	39,614	34,787	47.2	44.2	1,867,903	1,537,348

FARM LABOR

There were 1,238,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2009, up 6 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural services employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 363,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.64 per hour during the July 2009 reference week, up 30 cents from a year earlier.

Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.03 per hour compared with \$9.98 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.04 per hour, was up 30 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, July 12-18, 2009 1/

Farm Employment	July 6-12, 2008	April 12-18, 2009	July 12-18, 2009
FARM WORKERS	Thousand		
Hired.....	828	680	875
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	585	554	611
149 Days or Less	243	126	264
HOURS WORKED:	Hours per Week		
Hired	40.5	40.1	39.8
WAGE RATES FOR:	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers 2/3.....	10.34	10.84	10.64
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined	9.74	10.07	10.04
Field	9.66	9.99	10.04
Livestock	9.98	10.25	10.03

1/Excludes AK. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

VEGETABLES

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value South Carolina, 2007-08, and August 1, 2009

Fresh Market Vegetables	2007	2008	Ind. 2009	2007	2008	Ind.2009
	Acres Planted (000)			Acres Harvested (000)		
Cantaloups	1.7	1.2	--	1.6	1.1	1.2
Cucumbers	1.4	1.8	--	1.2	1.6	1.0
Tomatoes	3.0	2.6	--	2.9	2.5	2.5
Watermelons	7.5	7.5	--	6.5	6.5	7.0
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.)			Production (Thou. Cwt.)		
Cantaloups	60	215	--	96	237	--
Cucumbers	90	210	--	108	336	--
Tomatoes	82	195	--	238	488	--
Watermelons	145	215	--	943	1,398	--
	Avg. Price per Cwt. (Dollars)			Total Value (Thou. Dollars) 1/		
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
Cantaloups	16.00	16.00		1,536	3,792	
Cucumbers	25.00	20.00		2,700	6,720	
Tomatoes	48.50	65.00		11,543	31,720	
Watermelons	8.00	10.80		7,544	15,098	

1/ Does not include allowance for CCC loans, outstanding purchases by the government, or deficiency payments.

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